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1. WE AGREE WITH POINT MADE BY UK DELEGATION OFFICER
(PARAGRAPH ONE OF REF A) THAT IT WOULD BE IMPRACTICAL
FOR UK TO SEEK TO APPROACH ITALIANS AT THIS LATE STAGE
CONCERNING FIRST DRAFTS OF PAPERS ON COMMUNIST PARTY
EVOLUTION. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT UK
INVOLVEMENT IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY EVOLUTION PAPERS WILL
PROVE NECESSARY AND WISH TO BE CERTAIN THAT THE UK

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UNDERTAKES TO STEP IN FOLLOWING ITALIAN DELIVERY OF THE
FIRST DRAFTS TO THE SPC.

2. EMBASSY LONDON AND MISSION SHOULD THEREFORE CONTINUE
WITH APPROACHES REQUESTED IN PARAGRAPH C AND D OF REFTEL B,

AMENDING THEM ONLY TO SUGGEST UK PARTICIPATION AT THE

WORKING GROUP RATHER THAN DRAFTING STAGE.

3. CONCERNING THE NUMBER OF SPC WORKING GROUPS (PARAGRAPH THREE OF REFTTEL A) OUR SUGGESTION OF SEVEN (PARAGRAPH 7, REFTTEL C) WAS MEANT TO BE ILLUSTRATIVE. IT IS FOR THE SPC ITSELF TO DECIDE WHAT WOULD BE THE MOST WORKABLE BREAKDOWN. UK DIVISION OF FOUR WOULD THEREFORE ALSO BE FINE WITH US IF SPC THOUGHT IT THE BEST ARRANGEMENT.

4. UK PROPOSAL FOR OPEN ENDED WORKING GROUPS WITH RESPONSIBILITY IN EACH PINPOINTED TO A FEW DELEGATIONS (PARAGRAPH 4 OF REFTTEL A) STRIKES US ALSO AS A SOUND COMPROMISE OVER COMPLETELY UNSTRUCTURED GROUPS (REFTTEL D). MISSION MAY AGREE TO IT.

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